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## Celebrate The Season With Music at Sully Historic Site

Familiar seasonal tunes are one of the first and most lasting signs that the holidays are near. Sully Historic Site, the 1794 home of Richard Bland Lee, northern Virginia's first congressman, hosts musical performances in December to suit all tastes.

On Sunday, December 16, at 2 p.m., historian and musician Michael McDonnell portrays a traveling teacher and fills the halls with fiddle tunes heard at Sully 200 years ago. Federal period gentry families like the Lees often hired a music master to instruct their children in the art of playing the pianoforte, guitar, flute or fiddle. A house tour is included. Prepaid reservations are required for Fiddling Around on a Winter Day and admission is \$7 for adults and \$5 for seniors and children.

Sully is also pleased to host two holiday concerts. A house tour is included and refreshments will be served in the original 18th century kitchen. Admission is by prepaid reservation and refunds require two weeks written notice. These are limited seating programs and tickets are \$10 per seat.

On Thursday, December 27, at 1, 2 or 3 p.m., IONA returns treating audiences to high energy entertainment featuring Scottish fiddling, driving percussion and strong vocals presenting the music of the Celtic countries.

On Friday, December 28, at 2 or 3 p.m., the Richmond Guitar Quartet performs for the first time at Sully. Four guitars, four individuals, one unique new sound. Four young guitarists came together to create an ensemble that tests the boundaries of what chamber music can do. Selections from the Nutcracker Suite are being prepared especially for these shows.

For information and reservations for our holiday music programs, please call Sully Historic Site at 703-437-1794.

**Directions:** Sully Historic Site is located on Route 28 in Chantilly, VA. From the Beltway (495) take either I66 west to Rt. 28 North or the Dulles Toll Rd. to exit 9A (Rt. 28 South).

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